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SUBJ: MILITARY EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS IN POLITICALLY SENSITIVE
AREAS

1. DEPARTMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY ON TAIWAN COULD HAVE ON DEVELOPING U.S. RELATIONSHIPS IN THE AREA. FOR THIS REASON WE HAVE ASKED THAT ALL*MILITARY OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES CONDUCTED ON TAIWAN OR IN THE SURROUNDING WATERS BE CONSIDERED AS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AND BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE PRIOR TO INITIATION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE NORMAL TRAINING PROGRAMS INVOLVING WITHER ROC FORCES OR U.S. PERSONNEL BROUGHT TO TAIWAN FROM BASES OFF THE ISLAND, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE CONDUCTED IN ESTABLISHED TRAINING AREAS CONTINGUOUS TO U.S. BASES. DEFENSE HAS VIGOROUSLY RESISTED THIS PRE-CLEARANCE PROCEDURE WHICH THEY CONSIDER OVERLY RESTRICTS MILITARY FLEXIBILITY AND PLACES CONSIDERABLE BURDEN ON THE MILITARY REPORTING SYSTEM.

2. DEFENSE CLAIMS THAT TAIWAN DEFENSE COMMAND PROVIDES
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AMERICAN EMBASSY TAIPEI WITH FULL DETAIL CONCERNING ALL

MILITARY ACTIVITY THAT WE DESIRE TO REVIEW HERE. DEFENSE ALSO CONTENDS THAT BECAUSE AMERICAN EMBASSY TAIPEI FULLY INFORMED, DEPARTMENT SHOULD SECURE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED MILITARY ACTIVITY THROUGH DIRECT EMBASSY TO STATE CHANNEL RATHER THAN REQUIRING MILITARY TO PASS THIS INFORMATION THROUGH MULTIPLE LAYERS OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND (WITH REVIEW AT EACH LEVEL) TO OSD FOR ULTIMATE COORDINATION WITH STATE.

3. WE BELIEVE DOD WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO PROCEDURE WHERE- BY NON-SIGNIFICANT EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS, E.G., EXERCISES BLUE SKY, EAGLE, LARK, SHARK HUNT, TAIWAN STRAIT PATROLS, WOULD BE REPORTED BY TDC TO EMBASSY FOR SUBMISSION TO WASHINGTON FOR STATE REVIEW. SUCH SUBMISSION WOULD HAVE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY TIMELY TO PROVIDE POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF EXERCISE OR OPERATION IN EVENT DEPT. UNABLE TO CONCUR. MILITARY EXERCISES WHICH ARE CATEGORIZED AS SIGNIFICANT ARE ALREADY SUBJECT TO REVIEW THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS THROUGH STATE AND NSC.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE TO REVIEW NON-SIGNIFICANT EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS INCLUDING EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER ALL ACTIVITY SHOULD RECEIVE WASHINGTON REVIEW AND WHICH, IF ANY, EXERCISES OR OPERATIONS NEED NOT BE FORWARDED. IN PARTICULAR, WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT OF YOUR CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT TIMELY REVIEW OF PLANNED DEFENSE ACTIVITIES. RUSH

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